

Warren, Ohio – Today, Congressman Tim Ryan (OH-17) commended the announcement of a third shift for the Lordstown General Motors plant that will produce the Chevrolet Cruze beginning in the third quarter of 2010.

"President Obama and Congress made the unpopular but necessary decision to take partial ownership of General Motors and guide it through bankruptcy," said Congressman Ryan. "This bold step may have saved manufacturing in the United States from being wiped out. As a result of that leadership, not only were the Mahoning Valley and Northeast Ohio community spared an economic catastrophe, we now stand to reap the benefits of those tough decisions.

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The Congressman added, **"I commend the workers at the GM Lordstown plant for their leadership and maturity. Without their skills, talents and positive attitude, this day would have never come. I would like to thank Governor Strickland for his constant attention to the Mahoning Valley and the 17th Congressional District. His input and guidance have been instrumental in not only this project, but in every one of our economic successes over the past few weeks. And I would also like to commend Senator Sherrod Brown for his powerful voice on behalf of our domestic manufacturing base. The American auto-industry has no better friend in the Senate.**

It's clear that our local economic development strategy is working: another 1,200 high-paying jobs in Lordstown, corporate investment of \$650 million and 350 permanent jobs at V&M Star, 500 more jobs expected at VXi in downtown Youngstown, a San Francisco technology company bringing up to 100 jobs to the Youngstown Business Incubator in the next two years, and Severstal Steel returning to work in Warren. I believe that this is the beginning of the Miracle on the Mahoning."

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